Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Mike Richards, who will be retiring from the South Dakota Plumbing Commission after serving over 43 years and under eight administrations; and,

Whereas, Mike began with the Commission when he was 19 years old as an Administrative Aide, advanced to Administrative Secretary in 1976, and then Executive Secretary and Executive Director; and,

Whereas, Mike expanded the Commission's licensing authority from only towns with a population over 1,500 to statewide, and he instituted a mandatory inspection fee system requiring permits to be secured for all residential and commercial projects; and,

Whereas, Mike faithfully ensured a high degree of competency in the plumbing trade to protect South Dakota consumers, and he successfully pursued requiring mandatory continuing education for all licensed practitioners and provided the trade and the public with safe and sanitary plumbing installation guidelines to meet industry standards; and,

Whereas, Mike has enhanced reciprocal agreements with several states to become licensed in South Dakota without an examination, which welcomes and transitions out-of-state plumbers to our friendly right-to-work state with ease; and,

Whereas, On April 20, 2017, Mike is retiring to spend more time with his wife, Mary, and family and will be missed by his friends and colleagues; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2017, as

MIKE RICHARDS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State